

\*Senate Committee\*

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for  
GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT**

**Date:** September 17, 2013

**Place:** Room 116

**Convened:** 8:00 a.m.

**Adjourned:** 11:35 a.m.

**Present:** Senators Petersen-CH, Schoenjahn-VC, Sorenson-RM, Greiner, McCoy

**Excused:** None

Senator Petersen called the meeting to order.

A discussion on the Iowa Juvenile Home in Toledo was held with the following speakers:

Jane Hudson, Executive Director, Disability Rights of Iowa (DRI)—provided background information on the DRI and the organization's monitoring activities at the Iowa Juvenile Home.

Representatives from the Department of Human Services (DHS) that included Director Chuck Palmer; Division Administrator, Rick Shults; and Iowa Juvenile Home Interim Superintendent, Mark Day; to discuss the operations of the Iowa Juvenile Home. Mark Day discussed:

- Basic information about the Home
- Overview of buildings and infrastructure
- Profiled characteristics of the children currently residing at the Home
- Information regarding seclusion areas and restraints used on residents
- Update on the education component at the Iowa Juvenile Home.

Representatives from the Department of Education that included Director, Brad Buck; Deputy Director, David Tilly; and Administrative Services, Jeff Berger; answered questions related to the Education Program offered at the Iowa Juvenile Home. They stated the Department is investigating the Iowa Juvenile Home, and will have a report with recommendations in two weeks.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

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Senator Janet Petersen

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Deb Kozel, Legislative Services Agency